

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has carefully considered the Notice of Allowance mailed December 5, 2006.

Claims 19 - 28 have been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. The changes are all directed to improving the readability of the allowed claims, for example, by replacing several occurrences of the word "said" with the word "the"; changing the preambles of dependent claims to comport with current practice, and the like.

Claims 1 - 18 and 29 - 53 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

New claims 54 - 61 are apparatus claims which parallel allowed claims 29 - 53 and also particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

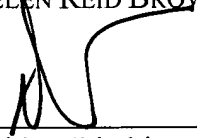
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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